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Commission Chair Resigns Before Hearings

By Kate Kalamaja

With less than two days before the Student Affairs Budget Commission (SABC) was to begin budget hearings for the student agencies, the *Gateway* and the Student Programming Organization, the executive treasurer of SABC, Susan Greenslate resigned.

She resigned for personal reasons and said she couldn't give the position 100 percent, which wasn't good enough for her.

"I didn't think I could devote enough time to it," she said.

With the budget hearings so close, the executive treasurer's position needed to be filled.

Usually, when a position opens, Student Senate Chief Administrative Officer Heather Rizzuto posts flyers on campus and places an ad in the *Gateway*.

One Student Senator reportedly said only one flyer was posted on the Student Government door in the Arts and Sciences Building.

Rizzuto said since SABC was already behind a week the position had to be filled, there

the tie.

"The Senate will vote on Thursday to ratify it," she said.

Richter was the only person who came forward for the position, she said.

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—Craig Richter, executive treasurer, Student Affairs Budget Commission

wasn't sufficient time to advertise.

The executive committee met Wednesday and appointed Craig Richter as executive treasurer, Rizzuto said. The committee's vote was split and Senate Speaker Tony Hill broke

Rizzuto said Richter met all of the requirements for the position and she is impressed with him.

"It's a lot of work to not get paid for it," Rizzuto said. "About 15 hours a week are put

in. I'm grateful to Craig and that Susan did the job."

Danielle Jensen, chairwoman of the oversight committee, said filling the position was rushed.

"Yes, I know it was a rush job," Jensen said. "Because SABC is coming up and they are already behind. A number of senators are very upset."

Richter said he has plans to do some organizational work with SABC to benefit everyone.

"The directors of the student agencies felt like they don't know where they stand with their budget," Richter said. "My goal is to make it easier for them."

Richter said things are going well so far with SABC and some of his ideas are along the same lines as the student agency directors.

"I want to organize things to come across in a more presented manner," Richter said.

Group Starts Engineering Petition

By Kate Kalamaja

A new student organization on campus, Students for Economic Development, had a press conference Friday to unveil a petition drive in favor of a separate College of Engineering at UNO.

Chairman of the Students for Economic Development Mike Kennedy, said the group's goal is to get students involved with an important issue facing the Omaha community and the state.

"I think the Omaha community is becoming more aware of the engineering issue," Kennedy said. "We want to come through to say engineering students aren't the only ones involved."

The petition began Friday and has 75 signatures.

The group, which has 15 members, hopes to get 25 to 50 percent of UNO's student population to sign the petition in one month, Kennedy said.

The University of Nebraska Board of Regents decided against a separate college on a 5-3 vote in December.

Students from UNO attended the December meeting and spoke in favor of a separate college, and they also had distributed petitions on the UNO campus.

When asked what effect the Students for Economic

Development petition will have compared to the previous ones, Kennedy said, "I think it's really the first campus-wide petition so far. We want to target students from every college and make students realize this is a campus-wide event."

Kennedy said they hope to get about 35-40 students across campus in every major they can to carry around the petition.

"We also want to take it to the night classes downtown at Peter Kiewit and possibly to businesses," he said.

The groups' plans also include presenting the petition to the Student Senate at UNO; and eventually present it to the board of regents, the Legislature and Gov. Ben Nelson.

"We need to supply high-tech, value added jobs in Omaha," Kennedy said. "We can have three business colleges in Nebraska and two fine arts colleges, but we can't for engineering? Lincoln cannot cater to the business needs of Omaha."

The goal of the separate college would be to benefit the entire state of Nebraska and not just Omaha, he said.

"If a person grows a bushel of corn in Western Nebraska, people in Omaha will benefit from it," Kennedy said. He compared that to the same effect a separate college would have on the state and not just one city.

The main goal Kennedy and the Students for Economic Development want to get across is to get students involved, no matter what they're studying.



—Scott Kemper

Ernest J. Peck Jr., candidate for vice chancellor of academic affairs, spoke at UNO Thursday.

Candidate Forums End for Top Post

By Brian Wesely

Ernest J. Peck Jr., the last of four candidates for the vice chancellor of academic affairs position, spoke with UNO faculty Thursday.

Peck is currently the dean of science and mathematics and a professor of biological sciences at the University of Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV).

Peck was born and raised in Port Arthur, Texas.

"It's a very dirty, smelly, rather ugly place. As a young person I decided I did not want to live in Port Arthur all my life," he said.

Peck received a bachelor's degree with honors in biology and a doctorate in biochemistry from Rice University in Houston.

Peck held teaching positions at Purdue University and the

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Sherer Defends Cameras in O.J. Courtroom

By Susan McElligott

When court proceedings are televised, all Americans have the opportunity to see how the justice system works, said Mike Sherer, a UNO communication professor.

This was one of the reasons why Sherer said he sent a letter defending the use of cameras in court to Judge Lance Ito in October, when Ito first considered removing cameras from court proceedings in the O.J. Simpson case.

"The main argument I used is that accurate and legitimate coverage in the courtroom is necessary in order to cut through the circus that is going on outside of the courtroom," he said.

Sherer said he sent the letter on behalf of the National Press Photographer's Association. He serves on the Freedom of Information chairman for the association.

Last week, Ito again considered prohibiting news cameras inside the courtroom of the Simpson trial, after Court TV's camera accidentally broadcast a glimpse of an alternate juror, according to news reports.

Sherer said he wouldn't have been too surprised if Ito

had prohibited broadcasting in the courtroom at that point. Juror privacy is a paramount concern, he said.

Representatives from Court TV reacted quickly, accepted responsibility for the error and apologized, he said.

"This had a major impact in diffusing the situation," he said.

Ito then decided to allow the camera to remain, but only at a fixed angle.

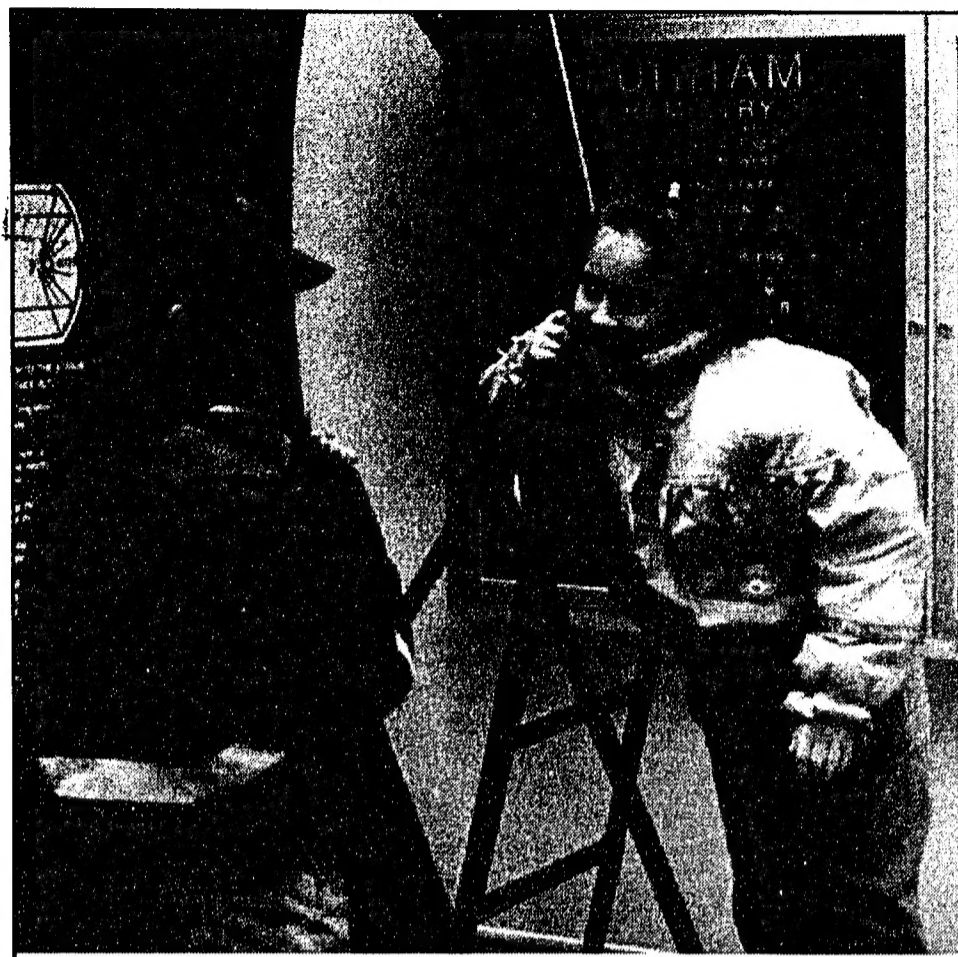
"I was very pleased with this compromise," Sherer said. "It protects the jurors and still allows us in."

Judges do have the ability and authority to remove cameras from their courtrooms if necessary, he said. The judge has to make sure that the public's right to know doesn't interfere with the defendant's right to a fair trial, he said.

"There is a First Amendment right for the public to witness a trial, but it doesn't say anything about taking a camera in," he said.

States have different guidelines for allowing cameras in courtrooms, he said. Reasons to remove cameras include flagrant abuse of the privilege, or to protect a

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Do You Hear What I Hear?

Bradley Turner, left, and Kelly Simon, children of Air Force Tech Sgt. Jeffrey Simon, experiment with a focused sound display in the Durham Science Center Atrium while waiting for a show at the Kountze Planetarium.

Organization Helps Soothe Income Tax Preparation Terrors

By Eric Feeler

Students were treated to free tax advice and pizza Thursday.

Amy Golden of the Student Programming Organization, which sponsored the event, said the meeting was set up to allow students to ask questions about tax preparation.

"We thought students weren't sure what to do or how to file, so we thought it would be a good idea to bring the IRS here," Golden said.

Denise Helland from the Internal Revenue Service and Teri Funk from the Nebraska Revenue Service presented the seminar. The questions ranged from simple to complex, with more than one student hanging their head in the knowledge of owed taxes.

Helland said the worst strategy for a person who owes on their taxes is to not pay. The IRS has financing terms available to allow people to pay their taxes over time with minimum penalties.

"I would not be concerned if you federally owe," Helland said. "We can make arrangements, but watch out for next year's return. If you owe more than \$500 on the next year's return, you may be faced with an audit."

In general, the IRS first checks a tax form for correct math, the correct number of W-2 forms attached, and a signature as flags for potential problems, Helland said. The records may be cross-checked with Social Security

files after a few years, so discrepancies in this year's form may result in an audit later.

Several forms of help are available for people in need of tax preparation advice, Helland said. She explained the IRS and the state are co-sponsoring a new program called the Voluntary Income Tax Assistance program (VITA).

VITA trains volunteers in businesses and the community to prepare tax returns for free. In about two weeks, Helland said, over 50 VITA sites should be springing up all over the area, giving tax help to the elderly and lower income households who may have trouble getting preparation help otherwise.

The state is coming out with a new, easier form to use for state tax returns, Funk said. This form, called the NS, is intended for single people that would normally use the 1040 EZ form, Funk said. "The most important thing someone can do is to file early," Funk said. "The tax returns are due on April 17th this year, but you should still try to file as early as possible."

Filing help is also available through the Beta Alpha Si accounting fraternity, Helland said. They will offer free tax preparation services in the Business Administration Building every Thursday night during February. The volunteers receive training from the IRS for this, Helland said.

Finally, the state and federal tax agencies have offices downtown and are available for help, Helland said. "They would be happy to be of service, and can go over returns by phone, if need be," Helland said. "We're not all that bad."

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Baylor College of Medicine, then became professor and chairman of biochemistry and molecular biology at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.

Previous to his current position at UNLV, Peck was the program director of the National Science Foundation in Washington, D.C.

Peck proposed many ideas to faculty based on his experience at UNLV.

"I am a person who very much enjoys the interface between disciplines," he said.

At UNLV, some professors teach in departments other than their own, Peck said, while some classes are taught by two professors from different departments.

Faculty governance is an important issue, Peck said.

"We talk as a collective body about what needs to be done and what they (faculty) wish to do."

Peck explained how this system can be used to "water the green spots," he said.

Watering desert plants, and continuing to water them as they flourish, were compared to improving programs within

a university. If the programs which have the greatest chance for success are identified and supported, they will attract people and other programs will learn from their success, Peck said.

Peck emphasized the importance of keeping up with technology, especially computers.

"Imagine this campus having plugs everywhere," he said.

Peck suggested the possibility of UNO students and faculty with laptop computers plugging into one of hundreds of outlets on campus, allowing access to the growing superhighway.

"I think if we're really going to adapt to the future, we need to . . . adopt some part of that," he said.

Peck stressed meeting the needs of students, citing that graduates will change careers six to seven times on average after graduation.

"If they're only able to use fact that you (faculty) gave them, they will be out modeled in 10 years. If they're able to use problem solving that you (faculty) taught them, they

may be able to survive a bit longer. We've got to address the issue of lifelong learning," he said.

Peck discussed university funding also.

He said that 10 to 20 years ago, the state provided most of the funding for universities.

"We are now, at best, state assisted," he said.

At UNLV, Peck raised \$2 million within the last three years for his college.

"I spend a fair percentage of my time as dean schmoozing with rich people, dealing with eccentric people and trying to get people to support programs," he said.

Peck also said why he wants the position at UNO.

"It is my aspiration to be a chief academic officer of a university some day," he said.

He also feels Las Vegas isn't the healthiest place for his family.

"... I don't think you (Omaha) have as many problems as Las Vegas," he said.

With all four candidates interviewed, Chancellor Del Weber hopes to make a decision in the following weeks.

NEWS bits

UNO Professors Awarded \$300,000 Erosion Grant

UNO Professors Jack Shroder and Michael Bishop of the geography-geology department have been awarded a \$300,000 grant to study erosion on a mountain in the Himalaya range.

Their portion is part of a \$2 million grant from the National Science Foundation to study uplift and erosion of the Nanga Parbat Himalaya mountain in Pakistan.

Annual Mav Volleyball Banquet Set for Saturday

Mav Volleyball Coach Rose Shires and her 1994-95 squad will have their annual banquet Saturday in the Dodge Room of the Student Center.

Golden Key Society To Greet America

Members of UNO's Golden Key National Honor Society are scheduled to give a greeting on ABC's "Good Morning America" show on Thursday.

Private Collections Highlight Exhibit

Art from the private collections of Sen. Bob Kerrey (D-Neb.) and Omaha World-Herald Publisher John Gottschalk will be among the 30 works displayed at the UNO Art Gallery Feb. 11-March 3 as part of the UNO Friends of Art "Favorites '95 Exhibition."

Simmons Awarded For Best Article in Print

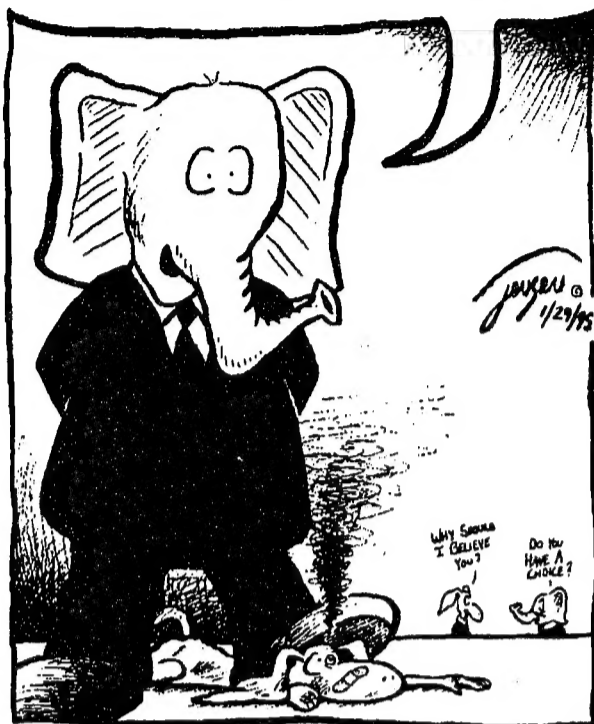
UNO History Professor Jerold Simmons has been named a recipient of a Gold Award by the Edpress Association of Washington, D.C.

Simmons was presented with the "Best Article in Print" award for his article, "The Production Code Under New Management," which was published in the spring 1994 issue of the *Journal of Popular Film and Television*.

Student Garage Passes Available

Student garage passes are available for students with valid UNO parking permits. Contact Campus Security for more information.

WE WANT TO WORK WITH THE
DEMOCRATS TO FIND A COMMON
GROUND, TO MAKE POLITICS POSITIVE...



'Protecting Life Is Paramount'

I am the cartoonist a student mentioned in a letter to the *Gateway* on Jan. 20. The student claimed my cartoon, which criticizes a segment of the pro-life movement, represents "... the type of ignorance that keeps this matter (abortion) unresolved.

Please allow me to clarify the cartoon's point because I found many others have also misinterpreted it.

I generally uphold the pro-life position not for any religious reason, but because I believe protecting all life is paramount to every other concern. What I am criticizing is the hypocritical support that John Salvi's and Paul Hill's actions have received from some members of the pro-life movement. Even before I drew the cartoon, I realized this segment of the movement is small, but vocal. I was not leveling this criticism toward all pro-lifers. I meant to criticize the persons who support these two fanatics.

I believe the student simply hit a proverbial brick wall when seeing me finding fault with any segment of the pro-life movement. "Oxymoron," according to the American Heritage Electronic Dictionary 3rd edition, means "a rhetorical figure in which incongruous or contradictory terms are combined." Therefore, being pro-life yet supporting the slaying of innocent people involved in legal activities does not make sense. Logical people believe this position, as the student apparently did. However, people who hold 'War on the unborn: 40,000 to 5' and 'God bless John Salvi: Num. 25:13' sickens me. I believe these people are a tiny minority, but their presence suggests the pro-life movement has yet to fully recognize the danger these individuals and/or groups pose to meaningful change.

I am sorry if you and any others misunderstood, but I do not believe my position is ill-considered, misinformed or ignorant. I am interested in resolving the abortion issue, yet the John Salvis of this world and their supporters deter positive change. I do not wish to further cloud an issue already plagued by empty rhetoric and moral grandstanding.

Jeff Jensen

'Just Get a Real Job And Try Growing Up'

I just love it when stupid people give me material for this column. I was standing in line at the Student Center, waiting for my taco lunch, when this guy behind me tries to strike up a conversation. Now, I don't mind talking to strange people about anything (hey, I write a column, for pete's sake), but this guy hit the wrong button.

He said, "Boy, we could sure get better service if all these foreigners weren't back there." He was referring to the kitchen staff of the dining room, which does indeed seem to be made up of foreign students.

Since I always like to smack racists around when I see them, I replied, "Have you ever worked in food service?"

"Well, no," said the redneck, looking confused. He explained that he lived with his folks for now, and therefore didn't need a job. He seemed quite pleased that he was unemployed. Got him. I drop the verbal body slam: "Unless you want to get your hands dirty and work, I suggest you shut up and let those 'foreigners' do the work you're too good for."

OK, maybe I was too hard on the guy, but when my soft taco has no taco meat in it, I get cranky. This event just topped off a whole week of listening to people whine about their jobs. Everybody makes jokes about Habib at the 7-11 or Pedro at McDonald's. But let me show you what I've seen us "non-foreigners" doing this week.

I work in a group of 10 at a factory part time. Twice last week, our group had only four or five people show up, with the rest not even bothering to call in and say they weren't coming. All of these no shows were just plain old local folks.

At my other job (I have no student loans, so I have way too many jobs), we have an intern program for students who want to get experience for their major. Out of four of us, I was the only one to show up one night - and it's not even my major, it's just a job.

What the heck is going on with everybody? All I hear these days is "Oh, woe are we. We're being taken over by the mean old foreign people." And all I see is fat, lazy Americans running around saying they're too good to scrub toilets, and oh yes, "Where's my welfare check, please?"

If you have a job, and you're paying your own way, you can skip this paragraph. Otherwise: Grow up and get a job. Move out of the basement. It's better to have a crummy job than no job at all. In case you haven't noticed, I'm pretty cheased off about this subject. It's the same as people who complain about Billy the Prez but don't vote: You can't complain about the economy if you don't have a job.

Now, if you have a job and do it well, skip this paragraph (sorry this is reading like a tax form, but I just got my W-2's). This goes out to all the people who

have jobs, but skip days and goof off a lot all of the time (I only goof off a lot occasionally). As Yoda says, "Do, or do not, there is no try." What the little Kung Fu muppet is trying to say is that if it's worth doing, it's worth doing right.

I wasn't going to get all preachy over this, because everybody, including me, has off days and slumps. But, if you find out you can't do what you said you were going to do, then you should at least tell someone. When you get a job, you are basically saying "I will show up every day, and do X." The company then says, "You will get paid if you do X for us."

Now, I know I would get really upset if the company went back on its word, especially if they didn't tell me about it. So why is it OK to screw the company over?

Today, the unfortunate reality is that just because you don't work doesn't mean you don't get paid.

Look at the Chargers in Stupid Bowl XXIX. Those guys didn't even show up, and they get over ten grand

and the ultimate pickup line (Did you see me in the Super Bowl?). They get this for losing a football game. In high school, when my team got beat, we just got to run laps the next day. It's welfare for pro-football players.

It seems to me that more and more people are expecting handouts and free rides for doing less than nothing. To put it as eloquently as possible, that ain't right. You're not supposed to do nothing as an occupation, and you're not supposed to skip work like you skip class (4 lectures and a lab skipped already by yours truly!). Don't get me wrong, there's nothing better than a free snack. But a free truckload of Ho-Ho's is going to far.

So, let's tie this all in with Habib at the 7-11. He, like many other people who were not raised here, has always worked hard just to make ends meet. He wants to make money to live, and if that means pitching slurpees all day, so be it. I think we need a few more Habibs around to make us realize how docile we're all getting.

Americans have a bad reputation for slow work, goofing off and not doing our share of the grunt work. We look like the wimps of the work ethic world, when we used to be on steroids and saying "You're looking huge, man, you're huge" (the only thing someone on steroids can say, apparently).

So, all I can say is, quit acting like a bunch of wussies out there. Go to work, every day you're supposed to. And actually work when you get there. Pay your own way. These are not hard concepts, and a lot of people have already gotten this one down. I have no beef with these people.

But if you think the redneck at the Student Center was right, please make sure I'm enjoying my taco (with meat in it this time, get the hint Student Center guys?) before you strike up a conversation.

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AmeriCorps Program Could Go Under Knife

WASHINGTON (CPS) —College students say they may head to the nation's capital to voice their support for the AmeriCorps program, which could fall victim to Congressional budget cuts.

While some Congressional Republicans are considering eliminating the AmeriCorps program, President Clinton has gone on record defending the domestic volunteer program as representing "the essence of everything I wanted to do as president."

In two speeches on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Clinton defended the national service plan, promising to veto any legislation that eliminated the AmeriCorps program.

"I was told a day or so ago that in this new Congress, there may be a move to abolish the national service corps to save money to pay for tax cuts," Clinton said at a King memorial service in Denver. "But the AmeriCorps program represents the essence of everything I wanted to do as president."

"These young people are committed to service, and if we all are committed to the idea that we are bound up with one another, then we can all be great and our country will be great."

Republican Rep. Jerry Lewis of California, the House Appropriations subcommittee chair, is currently reviewing the \$577 million program for elimination as a way to slash \$24.6 billion out of the federal budget, while Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich also has voiced his opposition to it.

Gingrich said that volunteerism shouldn't necessarily be paid by the national government. "It is coerced volunteerism," he said in

a "Newsweek" interview earlier this year. "It's gimmickry."

Meanwhile, students who are participating in the program say they wonder whether the program's elimination would be worth the money saved.

"I would think a few million dollars that goes directly to helping people is a program worth saving," said David Rivera, a 22-year-old senior at Arizona State University and an AmeriCorps volunteer. "I have no idea why anyone would want to eliminate the program. If there are politicians who think we're out here standing around wasting taxpayers' money, they should come spend some time with us."

Rivera is helping the Arizona Conservation Corps in its effort to weatherize and rehabilitate homes for low-income and formerly homeless people. "I just had this desire to do something different before I graduated," Rivera said. "The AmeriCorps program is a chance to do something I can build on. It's something I can be proud of."

More than 20,000 people are currently involved in the AmeriCorps program, which was part of President Bill Clinton's election campaign in 1992. He promised to create a "domestic Peace Corps" by using American citizens to work in various community programs that focus on public safety, education, human needs and the environment. The program is expected to grow to 100,000 members in three years.

In exchange for one or two years of public service, AmeriCorps members will receive \$7,500 a year in pay and an additional \$4,725

a year in grants to help finance their higher education or to repay student loans. Volunteers also will be covered by health insurance and can receive child care if necessary while in the program.

Clinton again invoked the concept of national service as a way to help others while speaking at California State University at Northridge on the anniversary of last year's earthquake. "The role of government in this age is to be a partner," he said. "It cannot walk away. Many solutions can be found with our national service volunteers."

John Cox, a spokesperson for Gingrich, said the Georgia representative is opposed to the concept of the national service corps but has yet to propose any specific legislative changes at this time.

But even though no decisions have been made as to whether to eliminate AmeriCorps' funding, Scott Izzo, executive director of the Student Conservation Association, has said that the new Congress will most likely place less priority on the national service movement.

"The concept will probably continue, but I don't know if the funding will," Izzo said. "AmeriCorps has really helped revive volunteerism in this country, and it would be unfortunate if the investment made in the program was cut or eliminated."

Wendy Grassi, spokesperson for the Corporation for National Service, is more optimistic. She said that she is confident the AmeriCorps program will remain intact. "We had bipartisan support when the legislation was passed," she said, "and we expect it to continue."

Eli Segal, president of the National Service Corps, said he can't understand why anyone would oppose the AmeriCorps program, claiming that it's a "funded non-mandate," which can help federal and state officials by giving academic stipends in return for "necessary" action.

"AmeriCorps aims at making local improvements," said Segal. "It's a very simple idea. We do best when the people and the government work the grassroots together."

Minority Intern Program Focuses on Teaching

By Jael N. Adams

The Minority Intern Program at UNO encourages minority students to consider teaching as a career, said Becky Schnabel, education coordinator.

The program, which is in its 10th year, is especially critical now because there is currently a shortage of minority teachers, she said.

It is a work-study program for ethnic or racial minority students enrolled in the College of Education, Schnabel said. The program is a collaborative effort with Omaha Public Schools (OPS) and receives funding from OPS, she said.

Students who qualify for the internship gain 10 to 20 hours of hands-on classroom experience each week, she said. The internship includes community-related activities, she said.

The program accepts students at least in the sophomore year and provides experience separate from the student teaching

requirements needed to graduate from the College of Education, Schnabel said.

Besides learning classroom management techniques, interns gain human relations skills, develop teaching styles and strategies and enhance cultural awareness, she said.

Currently there are 31 interns in the program and new positions open every year as students leave or graduate, she said.

The Human Community Relations Office of OPS conducts the application and interview process, Schnabel said.

Applicants must be members of an ethnic or racial minority and maintain a 2.5 grade-point average as full-time students enrolled in the College of Education at UNO, she said.

Applicants should also have passed the Pre-Professional Skills Test, Schnabel said.

The internship lasts for a one-year period, with an opportunity for renewal. Interns receive a \$2,000 stipend for each year enrolled, she said.

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witness or juvenile, he said.

"The judge can either pull the plug entirely or just for parts of the trial," he said. "Sometimes the judge holds a hearing for all parties involved before making the decision."

Sherer said that cameras in courtrooms usually prove to be harmless to the proceed-

may come away with that impression."

The use of unedited clips would be the best way for news organizations to avoid conveying false impressions, he said.

Sherer said that he was not at all surprised by the amount of media attention focused on the Simpson case. He pointed out that the President's State of the Union

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—Mike Sherer, UNO Professor

ings.

Coverage can be misleading sometimes, he said. Viewers often don't realize the extensive editing that videotape undergoes before it is shown on the news, he said.

"I think that sometimes the editing starts to color the story," he said.

For instance, when the picture cuts to Simpson rolling his eyes following a statement made by the prosecution, don't assume that Simpson is really reacting to what the prosecutor said, Sherer said.

"The impression is that is the way it unfolds," he said. "The end result is that unless the viewers are really careful, they

address, which has much more of a practical impact on people's lives than the Simpson case, received a lot less media attention in comparison.

Sherer described the Simpson case as little else but a "fascinating story."

"It has no impact on anyone's life," he said, "but it's being used and marketed in ways that are unbelievable."

He said that he plans to follow the trial as closely as possible.

"It's a learning experience," he said. "The camera, in this case, is a major educational tool. Unfortunately, it's a huge entertainment item too."



—Scott Kemper

Strings Sing

Omaha Area Youth Symphony string bass players, from left, Eric Snoza, Shun Luo Fong and Tom Lewandowski perform Sunday at UNO's Strauss Performing Arts Center.

Ad Hoc Internships Offer Alternative

By College Press Service

Good internships are like good haircuts: easy to see but not so easy to come by. As internships are growing increasingly popular among college and grad students, the competition for intern positions at name organizations is becoming fierce. From the FBI to Hallmark Cards, top internship programs are now forced to choose from an ever expanding pool of applicants.

For those dissatisfied with the internship chase, there remains a long neglected but potentially winning route to a dream internship: make your own. Rather than apply only to pre-established programs, internship seekers should consider persuading an organization or an accomplished person who does not normally hire interns to offer an "ad hoc internship."

Here's how: think about six or so accomplished people whose shoes you would love to fill. It could be a bigwig advertising executive, a documentary filmmaker, a renowned park ranger, a compelling author—the sky's the limit. Just make sure it's not someone so famous that a letter from you would hit the trash before it ever reached your quarry's desk. Supercelebs Oprah Winfrey, Bruce Springsteen and H. Ross Perot fall into

this class of virtual "unreachables."

After deciding upon a handful of people worth writing, it is time to research them thoroughly. Go to the local library and look up what that journalist (or cardiologist or ski racer or pilot) was doing last week, last month and last year. Use biographies, databases, magazine indexes, annual reports or anything else which will tell you exactly what your potential mentor is all about.

Then write each figure an earnest letter which not only introduces yourself but convinces him or her that hiring you as an ad hoc intern would be mutually beneficial. Play up your best qualities—abilities either directly related to your potential mentor's work (e.g. you fluency in French if you are writing to the French ambassador) or traits suggesting that you would be a valuable assistant (emphasize your enthusiasm, discretion, diligence, etc.).

Be sure to customize each letter, showing each figure that you have done your homework by incorporating into the letter choice bits of information unearthed during your library research. Convey why his work is exactly what you want to be involved with or why her organization is singularly important to your career aspirations.

Chances are that your six letters, voraciously researched and carefully written, will yield at least one internship opportunity. If you think about it, this ad hoc internship may be more rewarding than a pre-established internship. There will be no pre-existing limits to the internship, no areas where you are told "interns have never been allowed to do that." There probably will be no other interns, giving you the pick of possible projects and undivided accessibility to your mentor.

It is not hard to see how the ad hoc internship will allow you to work closely with your mentor, forging a professional connection that may last a lifetime.

Some students have already discovered the rewards of the ad hoc internship. A few years ago, a sophomore at a university in California was paging through an issue of *Life* magazine, which profiled the now late Albert P. Blaustein, a constitutional law professor at Rutgers University who helped more than 40 countries draft their constitutions.

His interest piqued, the student dashed off to the campus library and researched Blaustein's recent work. He then wrote this "modern-day James Madison" a detailed letter, introducing himself and offering his services as a summer research assistant.

Within two weeks, Blaustein wrote back, informing the student that although no undergraduate had ever asked to be his assistant before, he would take a chance and hire the student for the summer.

When summer came, the student ended up researching constitutional histories for the professor's encyclopedic set of the world's constitutions. Importantly, the professor and his student assistant got along so well that at the end of the summer, when the government of Romania asked Blaustein to help it draft its new constitution, he invited the student to accompany him on a one-week trip to Bucharest.

The following autumn found the two journeying to post-revolution Romania, where they met with the country's foreign minister, members of Parliament and various other officials. Watching the professor advise government officials and academics, the student received a hands-on introduction to constitution-making that he will never forget.

When all was done, the student had created an ad hoc internship that rivaled anything he could have experienced at the best pre-established internships. It goes to show that it sometimes pays to look beyond the internship chase—and create an opportunity where none presently exists.

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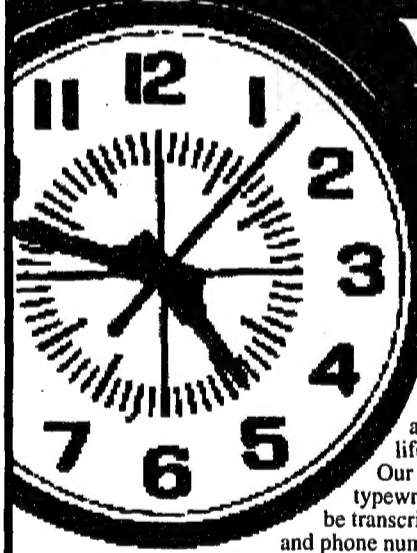
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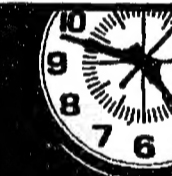
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Baby Born in College Bookstore

CLEVELAND—The Cleveland State University Bookstore marked the new semester with a sale on textbooks — and the birth of a baby in its lobby.

Earlier this month, CSU student Trula Breckenridge was waiting for a bus in front of the store when she went into labor. She entered the bookstore lobby to call 9-1-1, but members of the bookstore staff, who saw Breckenridge on the phone and then lying on the ground, beat the ambulance to the scene.

"When we opened the door to the lobby, we heard a muffled cry. By the time we got there, the baby was already out," said Dan Posas, the assistant manager on duty at the time. "People keep saying that we helped deliver a baby, but we really didn't. The baby delivered itself."

Breckenridge gave birth to a 6-pound, 13-ounce boy she later named Scott.

Sandra Marn, Diane Curley and Mary Adler-Kozak, all members of the CSU bookstore staff, helped clean up the newest member of the CSU community and then wrapped him, appropriately enough, in a CSU sweatshirt while they waited for the emergency medical crew to arrive.

Breckenridge and her son were taken to the local hospital, where they were each given a clean bill of health.

Keith McCann, manager of the bookstore, entered the store while Breckenridge was on the ground. "I figured out what was going on so I locked the door right away and cleared the area," he said. "There were these people who were standing outside banging on the door like they were mad that they couldn't get in. Here's this woman on the floor with a baby, and they're mad because they can't come in and get their cigarettes."

McCann, however, was a little more gracious, giving Breckenridge a book scholarship for the rest of the academic year. "We're happy that Trula and the baby are doing well," McCann said. "It's not exactly something that happens at a bookstore everyday. It was pretty exciting."

Students Encourage Parents to Join Protests

WILLIAMSBURG, Va.—Students at the College of William and Mary are asking Mom and Dad to chip in a little toward their college educations.

Only, this time, the students aren't asking for money. Instead, they're asking their parents to work the phones and write letters in protest against drastic cuts to the state's higher education system, which have been proposed by newly elected Gov. George Allen.

The William and Mary chapter of the Virginia Student Coalition mailed out 3,500 letters to parents, asking them to protest the move.

"The exploding cost of a college education in Virginia didn't just happen," wrote Greg Werkheiser, president of the College of William and Mary Student Association. "It has happened because, as supporters of higher education, we have failed to point out the consequences of the state's decision to reduce its role in supporting our colleges and universities."

In the letter, Werkheiser also stated that as a result of tuition hikes that average 8 percent per year, parents have already made up for the loss of \$500 million in state aid over the past five years. He asks parents to contact their legislators and call the assembly's toll-free hotline with their concerns.

While formulating his state budget, Allen spared public colleges and universities from the sweeping cuts made at other state agencies but still cut more than \$47 million from their allocated funding.

Students are not only asking their parents to get involved in the protest against cuts to higher education, but they're taking part as well. In addition to writing letters, William and Mary students are calling the legislature's hotline to register their opinions, using four special phones, which are in the lobby of the school's student union.

Khmer Rouge Guerillas Blamed for Teacher's Death

AUSTIN, Texas—A public affairs professor from the University of Texas was killed while traveling in Cambodia earlier this month.

Susan Hadden was fulfilling a lifelong dream with a visit to Cambodia's ancient temples. She and her husband, James, were part of a tourist group visiting the Angkor Wat temple complex. While driving to the site, the van in which the Haddens were traveling stopped at a roadblock. While the van was stationary, several Khmer Rouge guerrillas allegedly opened fire on the vehicle, killing Mrs. Hadden and the group's Cambodian guide. Mr. Hadden was seriously wounded in the attack.

When attacked, the group was headed toward Banteay Srey, a temple isolated from the others. Guides often avoid taking tourists to Banteay Srey since it is more vulnerable to attack than the other sites.

According to Cambodian officials, Mrs. Hadden's body was cremated at a temple on the outskirts of Phnom Penh.

The Haddens had been planning a trip to Cambodia for more than 10 years but had to continually put off the trip due to constant fighting there.

Mrs. Hadden received her bachelor's degree from Harvard and her master's and doctorate degrees from the University of Chicago. She returned to teach in Austin, where she was raised. In addition to teaching courses for 15 years at UT, Hadden wrote two books and more than 60 articles on human health and the environment.

College Radio Station Broadcasts on Internet

CHAPEL HILL, N.C.—Listeners are tuning into University of North Carolina's student-run radio station, WXYC, from as far away as Hong Kong and Johannesburg.

But they're not using a radio to do it. Instead WXYC is believed to be the nation's first radio station to offer 24-hour, real-time rebroadcasting of its complete programming over the Internet.

WXYC rebroadcasts via UNC's SunSITE project. Funded through a grant from two Silicon Valley computer giants, the venture allows people in the educational community to put information on the Internet in unique ways using groundbreaking technology.

Besides providing access to the actual broadcast, the WXYC World Wide Web pages (a network of hypertext documents available on the Internet) contain the station's playlist, a disc jockey-specialty show schedule, and information about legal and ethical issues raised by the new technology.

Listeners from as far away as Moscow and Guadalajara can send requests and comments to DJs over e-mail during the broadcast, making them active participants rather than just passive listeners, said Paul Jones, director of the SunSITE project in the Office of Information Technology.

"This technology will eventually change the face of media," said David McConville, a UNC journalism graduate student who spearheaded the project.

McConville compared recent advances in broadcasting to the revolution in desktop publishing, where computers have allowed individuals to produce high-quality printed materials at a fraction of the cost commercial companies charge. "Potentially everyone can have their own radio station, be their own producer," he said.

While future efforts will focus on improving the broadcast's sound quality, right now the songs have a tinny, AM-like sound to them. WXYC DJ Mike Shoffner said the current hollow sound adds an edge to the alternative music WXYC plays.

"We're trying to give more exposure to music that's quality but not getting the recognition it deserves," he said. "We're excited about being part of the realization of what the Internet can be used for."

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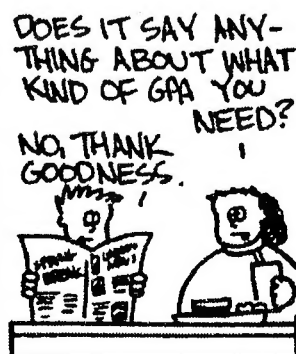
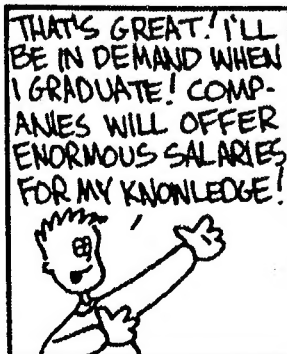
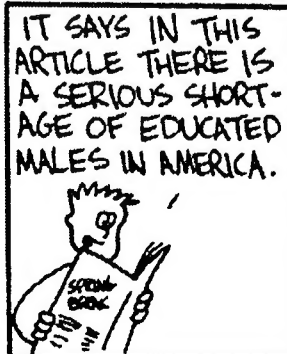
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Students Create Own Strange Brews

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (CPS)—If you want something done right, do it yourself. Such is the attitude of home beer brewers, those liquid pioneers looking for an alternative to today's mass-produced beverages.

Michael Sterba, an undeclared sophomore at the University of California-Santa Barbara, began homebrewing as an attempt to match some of the more expensive import and microbrewery beers available in stores, he said.

"During my freshman year, we started drinking the \$8 six-packs. I stumbled upon a homebrewing kit and made my mom buy it for me," he said. "She feigned disapproval, but I think she was impressed when I produced my first batch."

The only drawback is the possible inconvenience for roommates of homebrewers, Sterba added.

"It's a big hassle for my housemates. They think it smells bad," he said. "It's not very conducive to roommate relations because for four of five hours you basically occupy the whole kitchen."

Each individual brewer must take not only a physical commitment but a mental one as well, Sterba said. "It takes mental exercise because you have to plan everything out," he said. "The more patient you are, the better brew you make."

Like Sterba, many are attracted to the thrill of creating something unique, according to Mark Stevens, co-author of "Homebrew Favorites."

"Many homebrewers are gadget hounds and technical people who also like tweaking things,

trying to improve on them and to invent things," Stevens said. "Homebrewing gives you the chance to try bizarre combinations. Like adding fruit, chocolate, spices, unusual grains, coffee, tea or other things that a commercial brewer is not likely to want to risk on the scale of hundreds or thousands of barrels."

"I suppose most people get into it to learn more about what makes beer taste the way it does, in all its various forms, or because they want to experiment with styles of beer that are difficult or impossible to find in many parts of the country," he added.

The number of homebrewers in the United States is currently on the rise, according to Lori Tullberg-Kelly of the American Homebrewers Association, an organization which promotes competitions among brewers and education of would-be manufacturers.

"No one's done an extensive study of how many homebrewers there are," she said. "But based on sales figures, approximately 1.5 million in the U.S. brew their own beer."

Since its inception in 1978, the AHA has experienced a steady yearly membership increase, according to Tullberg-Kelly, adding that the rate has jumped to 25-35 percent over the last three years.

A single batch of homebrewed beer requires about three weeks of preparation, though longer periods of time may be required depending on the type of beer produced, according to Rafael Maldonado, who has been selling homebrewing supplies out of his Isla Vista, Calif., home for

about 15 years.

The brewing process requires the boiling of malt and hops, which determine the character of the beverage, for about one hour. After a cool-down period, yeast is added, which will ferment and produce the beer's alcohol. This part of the process can take anywhere from three days to a month, depending on the type of beer desired and the temperature at which the fermentation takes place, according to Maldonado.

After removal of the sediment produced by the yeast, priming sugars are added to produce the carbonation, and the beer is bottled. After approximately two weeks, the beer is sufficiently carbonated for drinking.

But for those who lack the time for such an undertaking, special kits are available which only require the brewer to add water and wait, according to Maldonado.

Currently, state and federal law allow people of legal drinking age to engage in limited homebrewing for private use and entries into specific competitions.

Current statutes allow for the production of 100 gallons per year for one adult or 200 gallons per year in households with two or more drinking-age residents. The brewed beverage cannot be sold but can be entered in homebrewed beer competitions, according to Rick Feldan of the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

However, enforcement of the age requirement is difficult, as the ingredients that go into beer are food items available to anyone, accord-

ing to Feldan.

"Can you buy the ingredients? Absolutely. Should they be regulated? No. The ingredients for making beer are food products," he said. "Do you really think it's a good idea to say you have to be 21 just to buy barley, corn sugar, yeast or honey? These are things you brew with."

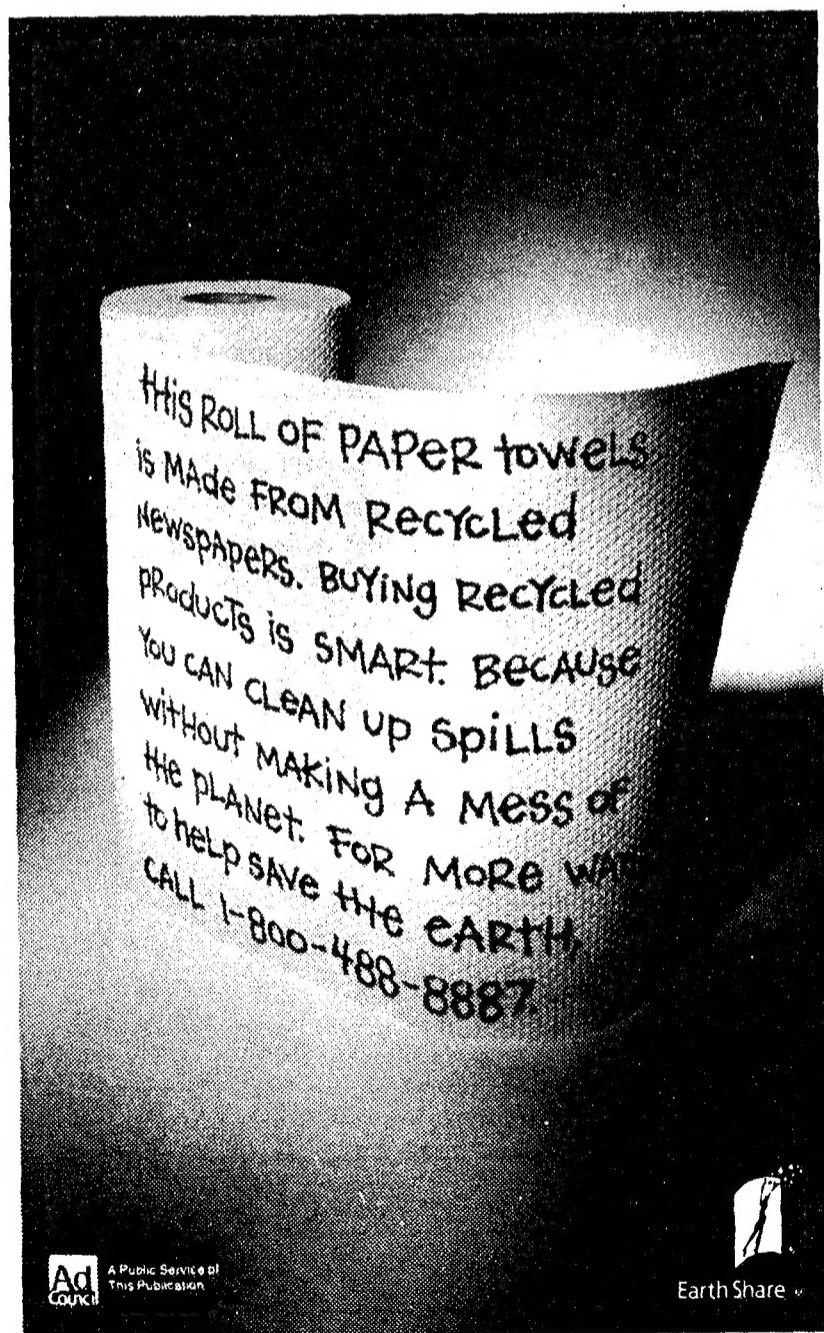
"In practice, most homebrew supply shops have a policy where they don't knowingly sell to underage drinkers," Stevens said. "They do this for ethical reasons because they believe it would be irresponsible to do so. However, they are just selling food products, nothing containing alcohol."

In most cases, the efforts involved in homebrewing are enough to make a minor rethink homebrewing as a way to obtain beer, Stevens said.

"Most underage drinkers also have a logistical problem in brewing," he said. "How do you hide the smell of the boiling hops from mom and dad or neighboring dorm rooms? Certainly, some people can work around this, but if they can, they can also figure out ways to buy it."

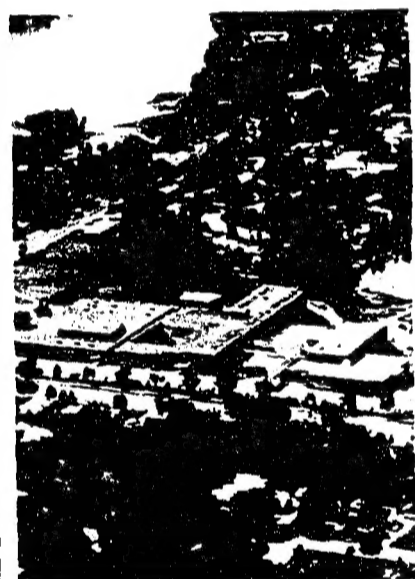
"If you think that homebrewing is an easy way around the drinking age, you're more than a bit naive," Stevens said. "It takes many hours to brew beer. It's bulky, messy and smelly. A smart underage drinker will just find a fake ID, a store that doesn't card them or make friends with someone older. It's a hell of a lot easier, less risky and ultimately cheaper."

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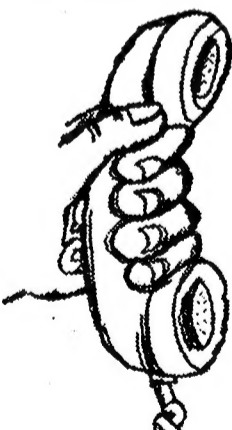


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N.Y. Professor Chronicles Homosexuals in History

POUGHKEEPSIE, N.Y.—When Vassar College Professor Paul Russell was asked to write a book listing the 100 most influential homosexuals of all time, he knew right away he'd have his critics.

"I expected to encounter some hostility," he says. "People hear the word 'gay,' and they immediately have their own notion of what it means, and to picture a lot of these people in the situations they have in their head, they just can't do it."

Still, Russell, a professor of English and gay and lesbian studies at Vassar, decided to take up the task.

"I wanted to list people in terms of the evolution of a gay and lesbian identity from ancient times up to the present," Russell says. "People told me that that wasn't fair, that gayness didn't exist as we know it back in ancient history. That's true. But neither did heterosexual marriages, and we don't discredit them. I was interested in compiling a list that was based on influence on the overall identity of a gay person, and there are people throughout history who have helped further that development."

Russell began with a list of about 500 people and was able to whittle it down to 125 by some studies of each person. He then did extensive research on his revised list, finally coming up with the top 100.

Russell's book, "The Gay 100" (Citadel Press, \$24.95), is part of a series of "100" books by the same publisher but different authors. The books list the 100 most influential men and women of all time, the 100 most influential blacks and the 100 most influential Jews. Plans are already underway for books listing scientists and feminists.

Russell's list has some names you might expect, such as Oscar Wilde, Walt Whitman, Gertrude Stein and Harvey Milk; and some you might not, such as William Shakespeare, St. Augustine, Emily Dickinson and Madonna. Some you might not recognize, such as Magnus Hirschfeld and John Addington Symonds.

"I tried to weigh a number of factors," says Russell, who ranked Socrates as the most influential homosexual of all time. "I was most concerned with the impact these people had on others."

The source of that impact ranges from the literature of Gertrude Stein, which painted lesbian relationships in a tender and realistic fashion, to the media manipulation of Madonna, which Russell says brought many gay icons and practices into the mainstream.

"While her sexual orientation may be known only by her, it can be argued that Madonna was a major influence on the social perspectives of a lot of today's young adults," Russell says. "Voguing was exclusive to black gay clubs in New York City. After Madonna, 9-year-old boys and 7-year-old girls were doing it in their living rooms to videos on MTV."

In addition to literary and philosophical figures, Russell says he felt it was important to add those people who had a major, if not well-known, influence on gay culture. The aforementioned Magnus Hirschfeld and John Addington Symonds are good examples, Russell says, of largely unknown historical figures.

Hirschfeld campaigned for gay rights in Germany. In addition to authoring several essays and studies on gay behavior, Hirschfeld produced the first gay film, "Anders als die Andern," before his German Gay Emancipation Movement was halted by the Nazis.

Symonds was a major factor in the British homosexual movement in the late 1800s, writing several pamphlets on the instances of homosexuality in ancient Greek culture, as well as on the repression of the gay community in the Christian era.

Russell knows that he's not being discussed in academic circles simply because he included figures such as Stein, Hirschfeld and Symonds. It's the inclusion of Augustine, Emily Dickinson and Eleanor Roosevelt that are raising the most eyebrows.

"Everything that I used as the basis for my list can be found in the library," Russell says. "Part of the reason I'm not outing anyone is because everything I wrote can be found in other sources. Augustine wrote about his early homosexual affairs in his confessions; Dickinson wrote a number of passionate letters to Susan Gilbert that were destroyed by her daughter for no reason; and it's well documented that Roosevelt socialized in lesbian circles."

Still, Russell admits that his extensive research is usually not enough to satisfy the majority of his angry critics. "I was doing an interview with National Public Radio, and this woman who was furious about Eleanor Roosevelt called," he says. "It was almost like she was disappointed that Roosevelt could've been a lesbian, like she wouldn't have had the same respect for her if she was."

"It goes to prove there's still a need for a lot more discussion and influence."

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Regardless of these deterrents, Sterba has brewed beer for about a year without concern over the age regulations.

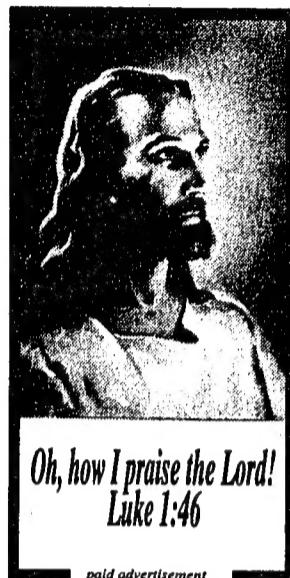
"I never thought about that, the fact that it's illegal," he said. "Besides, kids around the world drink beer."

Sterba finds homebrewed beer more enjoyable than the store-bought version because of the quality and effort he puts into it.

"When you make homebrews you find the stuff so precious, you don't want to drink it too quickly," he said. "It's not exactly your party beverage because you just want to kick back and enjoy it."

He believes despite the time, sacrifice and hard work, homebrewing pays off in the end.

"Because of the effort you put into it, no matter what you make, it tastes like the nectar of the gods to you," he said.



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The Decline of Western Civilization Group Challenges Historical Importance

NEW HAVEN, Conn.—Texas oil mogul Les Bass wanted to make sure that Yale University students were getting a solid educational background in Western civilization.

So, in 1991, Bass donated \$20 million to his alma mater with instructions to introduce new courses on Western European writers, philosophers and other historical figures. However, three years after the donation, university officials still are working out the details of the new academic plan.

Yale President Richard Levin says the delay is caused by routine procedural decisions. Others say school officials are taking their time because they fear they'll introduce courses that aren't exactly politically correct.

Many Yale graduates learned of the Bass debate after reading an article titled "Whatever Happened to Western Civ—The \$20 Million Deception" in *Light and Truth*. a

Yale journal published by conservative students and sent out to more than 5,000 alumni. The article, by 20-year-old Pat Collins, states that the courses have been held up because of protests from liberal faculty members. "There were serious behind-the-scenes efforts to co-opt the money for liberal causes," wrote Collins, adding that Bass was upset when he learned that the university had used his money but had not carried out his wishes.

After donating the money, Bass, who graduated from Yale in 1979, met with school officials and agreed to a proposal that would allot the \$20 million for the hiring of seven full-time professors and four assistant professors who would teach Western civilization courses to sophomores. The new professors would teach sections of 15 students each. So far, five faculty members have been transferred to the Bass program. The remaining two full-time professors and the four assistant instructors have yet to be hired.

Collins says that the Bass donation is being used to pay salaries of five regular faculty members who would have normally been paid from the university's general budget

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Mav Grapplers Pin Victory Against Sioux

By Dave Mollner

The UNO wrestling team carried its No. 2 NCAA Division II national ranking into the UNO Fieldhouse Friday night against the Fighting Sioux of the University of North Dakota (UND) and dominated the dual, 38-4.

After taking down their fourth straight North Central Conference (NCC) opponent, the Mavs raised their overall team record to a perfect 6-0.

Mavs Head Coach Mike Denney said his team wrestled hard when they needed it most.

"I knew UND had four real tough individuals who were nationally ranked. We beat three out of the four, so we feel pretty good about that," he said.

At 118 pounds, UNO junior Lim Prim who is 30-2 and ranked No. 2 nationally, started the dual off for the Mavs with a 24-10 blowout. Prim dominated in both takedowns and riding time, earning an extra point with a 02:06 advantage in riding time.

"I felt a little weak on the mat tonight," Prim said. "Trying to keep your weight down for back-to-back duals can be tough. I still need to cut five pounds before my biggest match of the season tomorrow (Saturday)."

Prim faced Brian Kapusta, two-time defending national champion at 118 pounds, from North Dakota State on Saturday. Kapusta won that match, 3-2.

The Mavs continued scraping through the early weights on Friday with seniors Jimmie Foster at 126 pounds and Steve Costanzo at 134 pounds, both ranked second nationally in their weight classes. They pulled out one-point wins late in the third period of their matches.

Foster, 31-4, had the only takedown in his match, and scored on an escape late in the third period to beat seventh-ranked Erin Razo, 3-2.

Costanzo, 27-4, overcame an eye injury suffered in the second period to post a 7-6 win over eighth-ranked Ben Berogan of UND, 7-6.

Another close match decided in the final seconds was at 167 pounds. Mavs junior Raphael Kizzee, 26-2 and

ranked No.1 in the nation, beat seventh-ranked Jason Wagner of UND, 5-4. With most of the match spent on their feet, Kizzee edged out Wagner in the takedown department.

One wrestler who had no time for any close calls was the Sioux's Chad Coauette in the 158-pound match. Mavs senior Brian Zanders, 25-3 and ranked No. 2 in the nation, had Coauette counting the lights on the Fieldhouse ceiling 1:04 into the first period.

Final UNO results against UND:

118 - Lim Prim, UNO, major dec. Charlie Ritchie, 24-10.
126- Jimmie Foster, UNO, dec. Erin Razo, 3-2.
134- Steve Costanzo, UNO, dec. Ben Berogan, 7-6.
142- Erin Daugherty, UNO, dec. Bill Rowell, 10-8.
150- John Belyuea, UND, major dec. Jason Huston, 16-3.
158- Brian Zanders, UNO, pinned Chad Coauette, 1:04.
167- Raphael Kizzee, UNO, dec. Jason Wagner, 5-4.
177- John Colling, UNO, major dec. Jerome Decoteau, 14-5.
190- Pat Kelley, UNO, pinned Chris Allery, 5:38.
Heavyweight - Wade Kroeze, UNO, won by default.

Zanders said it's never healthy for a team to look past its next opponent which was North Dakota State on Saturday.

"From here on out, it's one match at a time," Zanders said. "We just need to keep improving as a team throughout the season, because anything can happen in wrestling if you don't stay focus."

UNO beat third-ranked North Dakota State, 21-18.

When No.1 Central Oklahoma visits the No. 2 Mavs on Thursday evening, 14 ranked wrestlers will take to the mat in what is being called the dual of the year.

"We'll have five bouts where No.1 meets No. 2 in our house," Zanders said. "This is our biggest match of the season."

Denney said he hopes for student support to help pack the Fieldhouse in the match against the Central Oklahoma squad, who are the defending national champions.

The match begins at 7 p.m.



—Dave Mollner

Senior Mav Jimmie Foster rides UND's Erin Razo Friday night. Foster edged Razo 3-2 in the match.

Mavs Remain Fourth with Two Weekend Wins on Road

By Tim Rohwer

After seeing her women's basketball team win two road games over the weekend, UNO Coach Cherri Mankenberg may not be as happy as the coach of the world-champion San Francisco football team.

But then again ...

"They did a super job because it's hard to win on the road in the North Central Conference (NCC) and to sweep both games is a great accomplishment," Mankenberg said. "I'm proud of how my young women are playing. They're answering some challenges and I'm pleased with the confidence and effort

knew they were capable of beating us. I really feel good about how we took care of them on their floor."

On Friday, Breen scored a game-high 20 points and pulled down six rebounds to lead UNO against Morningside.

After trailing 48-42 at halftime, the Chiefs made things tense when they came to within 67-63 with 8:44 left. The Mavs went on a 15-4 run after that to coast to the victory.

UNO also got help from junior guard Linda Roh who scored 16 points, sophomore guard Amy Loth with 14 points and sophomore guard Stacie Kaiser with 11.

"It was a good hard-fought game on both teams, but we had so many people who contributed," Mankenberg said.

Junior guard Cathy Mauer contributed in another important

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—UNO Coach Cherri Mankenberg

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The Mavs won at South Dakota, 81-57, on Saturday, which followed a 94-79 rout at Morningside the previous evening.

The two wins improved UNO's record to 11-7 overall and 5-4 in the NCC. The wins will almost certainly keep the Mavs fourth in the North Central Region with the release of the next standings. The top four selected teams will play in the regional playoffs.

In the South Dakota game, junior forward Michelle Spetman scored 19 points, while sophomore forward Amy Breen added 17.

Spetman hit eight of 11 shots and had seven rebounds and four steals. Breen had three steals, seven rebounds and made all of her six free throw attempts.

UNO's defense also played well, limiting the Coyotes to just 31.6 percent shooting.

"We haven't won that big up there ever," Mankenberg said. "South Dakota has four starters from last year's team and we

way, she said. After Loth recently suffered a concussion, Mauer came off the bench and showed good leadership qualities.

"Cathy has really stepped up her play. Before Amy got hurt, Cathy was always there supporting her during our timeouts," Mankenberg said. "Then, when Amy was on the bench, she was doing the same thing to Cathy and she's really stepped up and showing good leadership."

A larger-than-normal group of UNO fans also played a factor in the South Dakota game, she said.

"We had a booster bus with over 40 people coming to the game, along with about 20 others who came on their own. We had almost as many fans as South Dakota and their fans weren't as vocal as ours," Mankenberg said.

The Mavs return home this weekend to play a pair of games. UNO hosts Augustana on Friday and South Dakota State on Saturday. Both games start at 6 p.m.

Osler, Del Castillo Top Finishers at Meet

By Tim Rohwer

Seniors Kim Osler and Sue Del Castillo were the top two finishers in the 60-yard hurdles Saturday at an indoor track meet at Iowa State University highlighting UNO's performance last week.

"I'm very pleased with their performance," said Mav Track Coach Tim Hendricks. "When you have two kids finish one and two, you can't ask for anything better."

Osler's first-place time in the hurdles was 8.13 seconds, followed by the time of 8.14 by Del Castillo. More than 30 runners competed in the event.

Osler's preliminary time of 8.06 set a school record and became the second fastest time in the North Central Conference.

On Friday at the Nebraska Wesleyan relays, senior Linda Vondras set a UNO record in the 60-yard dash with a time of 7.10 seconds, breaking the record of 7.15 she set in 1993.

"We feel 99 percent sure that time will qualify Linda for the national championship because the time of 7.21 made it last year," Hendricks said.

Vondras also competed in the long jump and had an effort of 18.9 feet.

"I think if she can get another five inches on that mark, Linda should make it to the nationals in that event," Hendricks said.

Also at Friday's event, freshman Jaime Erkes ran the 55-yard hurdles in 8.75 seconds and sophomore Amy Blackman ran the 60-yard dash in 7.8 seconds.

While they did not finish near the top in their events, Erkes and Blackman are coming along nicely, Hendricks said.

"Jaime had a bad start and she's still learning the technical aspects of starting. She'll get better," he said. "For Amy, that time of 7.8 was close to her best time ever."

Hendricks said he took three team members to the Wesleyan event and four to Iowa State and left the other members at home to stay fresh for Saturday's meet at Doane, a nationally known track power.

Vondras was the only member who took part in both events. She finished seventh in her one long jump effort.

"Her legs were really sore Saturday after the Wesleyan event and she was tired because we didn't get into Ames, Iowa, until 1 a.m. after leaving Lincoln," Hendricks said.

Mavs Continue Down Road to Championship

By Bryan Campbell

If it had been a movie, no one would have believed it.

The UNO wrestling team improved its overall record to 6-0 and 5-0 in the North Central Conference (NCC) Saturday night, with a heart-stopping 21-18 victory over North Dakota State that was broadcast on UNO's public television station, KYNE.

The Mavs, ranked No. 2 in the NCAA Division II, had their hands full with the third-ranked Bison. After a slow start that spelled defeat for seniors Lim Prim (118 pounds) and Jimmie Foster (126 pounds), the Mavs saw the Bison grab an early lead.

Prim, ranked No. 2 in his weight class, lost to top-ranked Brian Kapusta 3-2.

In the 134-pound weight class, the Mavs gained some ground when senior Steve Costanzo thumped Dane Ankeny of the Bison 12-5.

Though the Mavs suffered another setback in the 142-pound division when State's Jeremy LaVigne had a 5-1 decision over junior Erin Daugherty, the fight was far from over.

With the team score 9-3 in favor of the Bison, the Mavs needed quick points. This came in the 150-pound match when sophomore Jason Hutson of the Mavs pinned Mike Pazdernik in one minute and 48 seconds. That tied the score at 9 and turned the momentum over to the Mavs, followed by Mav senior Brian Zanders' 10-8 victory over Brett Svendsen in the 158-pound division.

Then, the nation's top-ranked wrestler at 167 pounds, junior Ralpheal Kizzee of UNO, pinned Kirk Felt in 41 seconds. That extended the Maverick lead to 18-9.

Injuries to his roster forced Bison Coach Bucky Maughan to start Jeremy McCrank, a freshman, in the 177-pound match, while moving his regular starter at that weight, the third-ranked Mike McCormick, up to the 190-pound match.

McCrank took advantage of his opportunity, defeating freshman John Colling 4-2.

With the team score 18-12 and only two matches left, the Mavs looked to be in good position to post their sixth victory of the year. The next dual at 190 was between third-ranked sophomore Pat Kelley III of UNO against 177-pounder McCormick. A win by Kelley would clinch the victory for the Mavs.

Kelley came out ready for action. Scoring early and often, Kelley amassed a 9-3 lead by the third period.

Then, the bizarre occurrences began.

Kelley, who had been dominating the match, got caught underneath McCormick while attempting to gain more points. McCormick was able to recover and quickly got the reversal and the pin.

Suddenly, with the score tied at 18, the final dual began.

"I felt that [Kelley] was dominating," said Mav Coach Mike Denney. "He was going for more points, going for the pin, and I kept telling him, 'Hold back, this guy is good.'"

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—Dave Mollner

Mav grapplers Lim Prim, foreground, and Erin Daugherty cool down after Friday's dual against North Dakota.

Mavs Lose Close Game to S. Dakota

By Tim Rohwer

The final score in South Dakota's 82-72 victory over the UNO men's basketball team on Saturday did not tell the real story to the closeness of the game.

Despite losing by 10 points, the Mavs were in the contest until the last minute. A jumper by freshman forward Tim Burrell at the 1:57 mark of the game got UNO to within 74-71. Only when the Coyotes scored eight of the last nine points did the crowd of nearly 4,000 go home relieved.

The effort against South Dakota by the Mavs highlighted their weekend that included a loss to Morningside on Friday. The two losses dropped UNO's record to 8-10 and 2-7 in the North Central Conference (NCC).

The Coyotes got off to a quick start against UNO and led 16-5 when guard Brian Williams hit a three-point basket at the 14-minute mark.

Two baskets by senior forward Frank Cypress and one by Burrell brought the Mavs back to 16-11, but South Dakota then scored nine straight points to put UNO in another big hole.

At the 1:35 mark of the half, sophomore guard Richard Jones hit a three to get the Mavs back to within 35-25. The Coyotes scored one more basket before the buzzer and led 37-25 at halftime.

The Mavs started their second-half comeback at the 15:05 mark. That's when sophomore guard Peter Ledford made a basket and was fouled in the process by Coyotes' guard John Hemenway. When Ledford made the free throw, the deficit got down to 45-39.

Less than a minute later, junior guard Andy Price hit a three-pointer to reduce the margin to 45-42.

After a basket by South Dakota, Ledford did it again by scoring a basket and making a free throw when fouled in the process. That made the score 47-45 with about 13 and a half minutes to go.

The Coyotes did not roll over and soon jumped out to a 55-46 advantage.

Jones hit a three at the 10:40 mark to bring UNO back to 55-49, but South Dakota responded again and as the clock ticked led 66-59.

At the 2:37 mark, sophomore guard Troy Kloewer made a free throw that started UNO's last push, which included Burrell's jumper that got the Mavs to within three points with less than two minutes left.

Hemenway quickly hit a three-pointer that seemed to take the air out of UNO's sails.

Guard Mike Koehler led the Coyotes with 21 points, followed by Hemenway with 18. Jones was the leading scorer for UNO with 18 points.

South Dakota improved its record to 16-3 overall and 7-3 in the NCC.

The previous night, the Mavs faced Morningside, or to be more exact, Brad Barron. The junior forward was almost a one-man team as he scored 32 points in the Chiefs' 91-82 victory.

UNO jumped out to a 15-6 lead early on, but the Chiefs scored eight straight points to come within one.

A basket by Cypress and a three-pointer by Burrell put UNO ahead 20-14, but Morningside responded and eventually led 22-21.

UNO regained the lead and had a 33-30 advantage when the Chiefs decided enough was enough.

A basket by Barron put Morningside ahead 34-33, followed by five more straight points by the Chiefs.

Barron scored two more baskets just before the half ended and Morningside took a 45-40 lead into the locker rooms.

UNO refused to fold and tied the score at the 12:08 mark when Cypress made a layup and was fouled by Barron in the process.

Cypress made the free throw to make the score 56-56.

At the 8:48 mark, a three-pointer by Price again tied the score at 63.

The Mavs could not take the lead and with about three minutes left trailed 81-73.

A three-pointer by Kloewer at the 2:14 mark cut the deficit to 83-78, but the Chiefs scored the next six points to ice the game.

Junior center John Skokan led UNO with 21 points.

The Mavs return home for a pair of games this weekend in the Fieldhouse. UNO plays Augustana on Friday and South Dakota State on Saturday. Both games start at 8 p.m.

Intramural Registration Unhampered by Move

By Andy Ryba

Kevin Stuhr, graduate assistant in charge of UNO intramural sports, said the Student Center renovations have not significantly affected spring intramural sports registration.

"We were happy that the kids made the effort to come over to the HPER (Health, Physical Education and Recreation) Building to sign up and we didn't have to go to them," he said.

Over the years, intramural officials had a sign-up table inside the main entrance to the Student Center.

Stuhr said registration for the spring season was up in every sport except basketball.

He said 37 basketball teams registered, along with 16 volleyball teams, 11 indoor soccer teams and 17 players for racquetball.

"We've been having a lot of success over the past two years," Stuhr said. "We're on track to breaking campus participation records."

He said fraternities contribute significantly to the increasing numbers. The fraternities compete against each other for points in 11 different sports, he said. At the end of the season, the fraternity with the most points wins the Sports Cup.

Stuhr said the sororities on campus are trying to organize their own intramural sports as well.

The fact that UNO is a non-traditional campus without dormitories has adverse effects on intramural participation, Stuhr said.

"At most campuses, students look for something to do besides study and intramural sports offer a stress release for them," Stuhr said. "UNO has a lot of part time students who go home after class and do not have time for intramural sports."

Stuhr said Jan. 30 through Feb. 3 is the scheduled date for the sports trivia bowl. The event is in a questionnaire format and will take place in the lounge of the HPER Building.

Beginning Feb. 6, the intramural department is sponsoring table tennis, billiards and chess tournaments that will run the entire week.

"We like to offer activities not only for those who are athletically gifted, but also for those individuals who like different recreational activities," Stuhr said.

and that the school has little intention of ever introducing the Western civilization courses which Bass had envisioned.

Levin disagrees, saying that the current Yale budget situation does not allow for vast changes in hiring procedures and that the courses will be up and running in less than a year.

Yale spokesman Gary Fryer says Levin is focused on eliminating a \$12 million deficit within five years and that the hiring of the additional professors goes against a self-imposed hiring freeze. He also denies any apprehension by the university in regards to political correctness. "We have a very solid Western civilization curriculum at Yale as it is," Fryer says. "We want to make sure we take the right steps to enhance that curriculum."

Fryer says that a few faculty members have voiced some problems with the proposed courses but said opposition was based on individual cases, "not a broad indictment of the idea of Western civilization courses."

Bass, who does not speak to the press, recently met with Levin to discuss the status of the Western civilization classes. To date, the Texas oilman and his family have given more than \$80 million to the Ivy League school.

Perhaps good advice from the twice named Division II Coach of the Year. Kelley, though, lost the match and forced Denney to play his final card.

He sent junior Wade Kroeze, a transfer from Ellsworth Community College, out against Robert Finneseth. Kroeze is a new addition to the Mav team, transferring after Darrin Tietz quit the team early in the season.

Kroeze and Finneseth see-sawed until they reached a 4-4 tie with less than a minute to go. With 15 seconds left, both wrestlers ended up on the mat in a last ditch effort to score before overtime.

The two grappled to gain control and with only two seconds remaining, Kroeze gained control and referee R.J. Nebe signaled the two-point takedown.

With that, the Mav bench cleared to congratulate Kroeze as the packed Fieldhouse erupted.

"Everybody was screaming and standing up with two fingers in the air," said Greg Wilcox, former Mav grappler and assistant coach. "You could tell that it was a team sport and that everyone has to do real well."

Wilcox was a national champion for the Mavs in 1983. "I still can't believe it," Kroeze said. "If Pat (Kelley) won, I could just go out there and win safely and not be pressured."

Kroeze said the seniors on the team were telling him how important this duel was since these two teams have dominated the NCC over the years.

"I wanted this win as bad as the seniors," Kroeze said.

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